



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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JIM McDONNELL, SHERIFF



September 19, 2018

Alexander Cartwright and Jennifer Dirmeyer  
[42226-04709689@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:42226-04709689@requests.muckrock.com)

Dear Mr. Cartwright and Ms. Dirmeyer:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated August 13, 2018, and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Discovery Unit on August 16, 2018.

In your request, you are seeking the following:

1. What is the total number of citizen complaints (allegations of misconduct) made against your department's officers annually for the last 10 years? If your department logs complaints in a database, spreadsheet, or other log, a copy of those logs is fine instead.

Please include the type of complaint (i.e., use of force, abuse language, unwarranted search) and the result of complaint (i.e., sustained, exonerated).

2. What is the total number of complaints police officers made against their peer officers in your department annually for the last 10 years? If your department logs complaints in a database, spreadsheet, or other log, a copy of those logs is fine instead.

Please include the type of complaint (i.e., use of force, abuse language, unwarranted search) and the result of complaint (i.e., sustained, exonerated).

3. What is the annual number of officers involved in shootings in your department for the past 10 years? Any documentation or reports that detail the annual number of officer-involved shootings in your department for the past 10 years would be sufficient.

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Please include documentation regarding how many of these officer-involved shootings involved disciplinary action. (Please list officer firearm discharge directed at a person separately from a shooting involving an animal and separately from accidental firearm discharges).

Please include the number of officer-involved shootings resulting in discipline.

4. Which of the above data are published publicly? Please provide a link to any and all publicly available reports containing the data above.

Response to request #1: LASD does not keep information in the manner you have requested. However, in an effort to assist you, LASD can compile and extract the requested records from electronic records in order to provide the total number of "citizen complaints" and the "type of complaint" for the last 10 years. Per Government Code §6253.9(b)(2), if "data compilation and extraction" from an electronic record is required by the public agency to produce the record, the requestor shall bear the cost of constructing the record.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department estimates that it will take approximately (1.5) hours for an employee at \$50.17 per hour to compile and extract the requested data for a total cost of \$75.25 (\$50.17 x 1.5 hours). If you would like for us to proceed with your request, please make your check payable to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and mail it to:

Risk Management Bureau – Discovery Unit  
4900 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 220  
Commerce, California 90040  
Attn: Lallie Minguillan

Upon receipt of your payment, we will begin work and forward the records to you.

Be advised that the complaint totals will not match the sum of each type of complaint because each complaint involves one or multiple personnel. In addition, each complaint can involve any single topic or combination of topics.

LASD cannot provide the result of the complaints because we do not track data in the manner requested. Therefore, there are no Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department records responsive to your request.

Response to request #2: LASD has no records responsive to your request.

Response to request #3: A record of "the annual number of officers involved in shootings" can be found at [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org). Visit the "Public Data Sharing" page of [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org) or access the page directly at

[http://www.lasd.org/deputy\\_involved\\_shootings.html](http://www.lasd.org/deputy_involved_shootings.html). These records are from 2010 to present.

A record of "how many of these officer-involved shootings involved disciplinary action" can be found at [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org). Visit the "Public Data Sharing" page of [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org), select the "Discipline" tab and select the "Shooting Statistics Disc - 2015-2017 Executive Review Committee, Total of Shootings Reviewed" link. You may also access the page directly at [http://lasd.org/pdfs/web/EFRC\\_STATS\\_2015\\_to\\_2017.pdf](http://lasd.org/pdfs/web/EFRC_STATS_2015_to_2017.pdf). These records are from 2015 to 2017.

Response to request #4: Please refer to "Response to request #3."

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Smeltzer of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

JIM McDONNELL, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Johnson", with the number "155628" printed to its right.

Scott E. Johnson, Captain  
Risk Management Bureau